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BEGIN SUMMARY. IN VIEW POSSIBLE RENEWED DISCUSSIONS OF RP- JAPAN COMMERCE AND NAVIGATION TREATY, RECENT RECOMMENDATION BY PHILIPPINE PRIVATE SECTOR SPOKESMEN BELIEVED TO BE OF SIGNIFICANCE. BUSINESS CHAMBERS RECOMMENDED GOP RATIFY TREATY WITH RELATIVELY MINOR RESERVATION REGARDING MOST FAVORED NATION TREATMENT. ON TERRITORIAL SEA ISSUE WHICH HAD PREVIOUSLY BEEN A MAJOR PROBLEM ON PHILIPPINE SIDE, VIEW OF BUSINESS SPOKESMEN WAS THAT MATTER OF TERRITORIAL BOUNDARIES SHOULD BE RESOLVED ON A MULTINATIONAL RATHER THAN BILATERAL BASIS. END SUMMARY.

1. CONFERENCE ATTENDED BY REPRESENTATIVES OF MAJOR PHILIPPINE BUSINESS GROUPS FEB 17 DISCUSSED BOTH LAUREL-LANGLEY AND UNRATIFIED RP- JAPAN COMMERCE AND NAVIGATION TREATY. PARTICIPANTS INCLUDED LEADERS OF THREE PHILIPPINE CHAMBERS (AGRICULTURE AND NATURAL RESOURCES; COMMERCE; AND INDUSTRIES), TOGETHER WITH COUNCIL FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT. CONFERENCE DISCUSSIONS AND
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RECOMMENDATIONS CONCERNING LAUREL- LANGLEY WERE REPORTED IN MANILA A-73. CONFERENCE DISCUSSIONS RECEIVED LITTLE ATTENTION BY PRESS, BUT WE BELIEVE CHAMBERS ' RECOMMENDATION MAY REFLECT GOP' S OWN POSITION OR MAY BE USED BY GOP AS BASIS FOR DEVEUS CONTINUED DIFFICULTY ARRANGING TRANSPORT STOCKS IN CHILEAN PORTS TO BOLIVIA PLUS INCREASE IN PORT CHARGES LED HIM BELIEVE GOC TRYING SABOTAGE BOLIVIAN ECONOMY.

4. ZAMORANO STATED GOB HAS ALREADY CHECKED POSSIBILITY BUYING FLOUR FROM PERU, BUT GOP HAD QUOTED PRICE OF 195/ M. T. RE LONGER TERM SUPPLY PROBLEM GOB HAS ALSO LOOKED INTO POSSIBILITY IMPORTING US WHEAT TO PERU FOR MILLING THERE WITH TRANS- SHIPMENT FLOUR TO BOLIVIA AS 100,000 M. T. WHEAT NOW AVAILABLE TO BOLIVIA UNDER PL-480 TITLE I AGREEMENT AND NATIONAL WHEAT WILL USE UP AVAILABLE BOLIVIAN MILLING CAPACITY. ACCORDING ZAMORANO, PERUVIAN TERMS FOR THIS SERVICE ALSO TOO HARD.

5. GOA WAS SUPPOSED TO HAVE MADE FINAL DECISION ON 20,000 M. T. FLOUR ON APRIL 11 BUT FAILED DO SO. TELEPHONE CONFERENCE PLANNED FOR APRIL 12. (MININD/ COM OFFICIALS HAD EARLIER INDICATED TO EMBASSY OFFICIALS THAT GOA HAD AGREED TO SELL 20,000 M. T. TO BOLIVIA).
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